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**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.** VACUUM OIL COMPANY. AUTHORITY to F. WALKER to sign for the Vacuum Oil Company HAVING BEEN CANCELLED from and after the 1st of May 1896, all orders and receipts will be made and given by, and all cheques will be signed by, the undersigned.

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.** IN BANKRUPTCY. No 13 of 1896. IN THE MATTER OF FRANK WATTS, SHAREHOLDERS, CARRYING ON BUSINESS AS WATTS AND COMPANY, MANUFACTURERS' AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, AT NO. 3, JOE HOUSE STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that a Meeting of the Shareholders of the above named FRANK WATTS & COMPANY, will be held at the Office of the Official Receiver, at the Court House, on TUESDAY, the 2nd of June, 1896, at Noon, for the purpose of considering the Report of the Liquidator, and of electing a Committee of Management.

**INSURANCE HOLIDAY.** THE Undermentioned Insurance Offices will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, the 25th inst., the day appointed in this Colony for the Celebration of the Anniversary of the Birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

**THE FINAL DIVIDEND** for the Year 1895, of the Bank of Fifty Cents per Share (or Five per Cent. on the Capital of the Company), will be PAYABLE at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 30th inst., or on or before FRIDAY, the 30th inst., to any holder of the Shares of the said Company, who will be required to produce the Certificate of the said Company, or the Receipt of the said Bank, in support of his claim.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.** ANNUAL CARBINE COMPETITION. TO-DAY (MONDAY), 25th MAY.

THE COMPETITION takes place WET or DRY. W. K. WYLLIE, Hon Sec. Hongkong, 25th May, 1896.

**KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.** Latest Works in "COLONIAL LIBRARY" SERIES. Price 1.25 each.

Corelli, Maria—The Mighty Atom. Caine, Hall—The Marston. Farrar, Dean—Gathering Clouds, 3 vols. William, Q.C., Montagu—Leaves of a Life. Ritchie, Annie—Records of Tennyson, Ruskin, and Browning. Russell, W. Clark—Life of Admiral Lord Collingwood. Blackmore, B. D.—Tales from the Telling House. Marston, Henry—The Sowers. Raymond, W.—Tryphena in Love. Dalzell, H. de—The Channas. Bolleswood, Rolf—Nevermore. Burgess, B.—The Judge and the Four Censures. Hardy, Thomas—A Pair of Blue Eyes. Hardy, Thomas—The Trumpet Major. Hardy, Thomas—Tess of the D'Urbervilles. Harrison, Frederick—The Chief of the Rock. Kipling, Rudyard—Life's Handicap. Kipling, Rudyard—Many Inventions. Arnold, Matthew—Essays on Criticism. Hops, Anthony—Prisoner of Zenda. Ward, Mrs. Humphrey—History of David Grieve.

**KELLY & WALSH, LD.** [23]

**STEAMSHIP "OCEANIC."** COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

**NOTICE.** CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, ex S.S. Cambridge, from Bordeaux ex S.S. Villa Desir, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Limited, and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

**NOTICE.** All Damaged Packages will be examined on SATURDAY, the 25th inst., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. C. T. WATSON & CO., LTD. Acting Agent. Hongkong, 23rd May, 1896.

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## INTIMATIONS.

### HOCKS & MOSELLES.

OPPENHEIMER, LAUBENTH, NIERSTEIN, BODENTHAL, HOCKEIMER, STEINWEIN. Sparkling HOCKS. Sparkling MOSELLES. Imported direct from DEINHARD & CO., COLOGNE.

Telephone No. 75. 15, Queen's Road. Hongkong, 23rd May, 1896.

## THE PHARMACY.

Now Opening out a Fresh Supply of— HAIR, NAIL, TOOTH, and SHAVING BRUSHES. TURKEY and BATH SPONGES. SUN GLASSES, in various Shapes. SOLE HONGKONG AGENTS for TANSAN—The new Well-known and Popular JAPANESE TABLE WATER. FLETCHER & CO.

## CUTLER, PALMER & CO.

Have been Shippers to CHINA for nearly 75 years. Their Brands are favorably known all over the World.

**AI QUALITY COGNAC.** Distinguished by 4 STARS on the label. Price \$10.00 per 1 dozen bottles. **SUPERIOR OLD COGNAC.** Distinguished by 3 STARS on the label. Price \$12.75 per 1 dozen bottles. **VERY GOOD COGNAC.** Somewhat younger than the above. Distinguished by 2 STARS on the label. Price \$14.00 per 1 dozen bottles. **"FALL MALL" WHISKY.** Eleven years old, very fine quality. Each bottle bears an analyst's certificate. The quality is guaranteed. Price \$16.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

**Well-matured HIGHLAND MALT WHISKY.** Blended by CUTLER, PALMER & CO. Moderate in price, excellent in quality. Price \$14.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

**BROWN & CO'S FINE SCOTCH WHISKY.** in "Square" Bottles. Price \$10.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

**C. P. & CO'S OWN SPECIAL BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY.** in Patented Bottles. Price \$9.50 per 1 dozen bottles.

**GLENLIVER BLEND, SCOTCH WHISKY.** Modernized price, good quality. Price \$9.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

**AGENTS—SIRMACON & Co., HONGKONG.**

## NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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**WHO** are empowered to grant Assurances, pay Claims, and allow Reinstatement of lapsed Policies. **DO NOT INSURE** until you have seen the New York Life's Accumulation Policy, which, in addition to the entire absence of restrictions, offers the greatest number of Privileges, Guarantees, and Benefits ever embodied in a single Life contract.

Full Particulars from **BIRLEY, DALEYMPLE & Co., Agents.** ANTHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents. Central Office, 3, Peking Road, Shanghai. Resident Division Manager.

## BOTTLED ALES & STOUT.

BASS'S LIGHT GRAVITY ALE. 4 doz. qts. \$14.00. 8 doz. pts. \$16.00. IND COOPER'S ALE. 13.00. 35.00. IND COOPER'S STOUT. 13.00. 15.00. REID'S IMPERIAL STOUT. 14.00. 16.00.

Bottled in Shanghai, they are more suitable for Hot Climates than the home bottled.

**GANDE, PRICE & CO.** Wine and Spirit Merchants, No. 12, Queen's Road Central.

**"TUTO, CITO ET JUQUDE."** (SAPRELY, QUICKLY, and PLEASANTLY.)

## ANIMAL EXTRACTS.

ARE THE GREATEST DISCOVERY IN MODERN MEDICINE. HAVE YOU TRIED THEM?

CERBERINE, Extract of the Brain of the Or, for Nervous Prostration, Insomnia, etc. CARDINE, Extract of the Heart, for Functional Weakness of the Heart. MEDULLINE, Extract of the Spinal Cord, for Locomotor Ataxia. OVARINE, Extract of the Ovaries, for Diseases of Women. TESTINE, for Premature Decay. THYROIDINE, for Eczema and Impurities of the Blood.

**SOLE DISPENSERS.**

**WATKINS & CO.,** 66, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

JUST RECEIVED. A NEW AND SPECIALLY SELECTED STOCK OF ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

TEA SETS, COFFEE SETS, HOT WATER KETTLES, TEA and COFFEE POTS, EGG BOILERS, EGG STANDS, CRUETS, ENTREE DISHES, SETS OF FISH COVERS, JOE PAILS, SUGAR and CREAM STANDS, HICUT BOXES, LAMPS, PRESERVE JARS, CLARET JUGS, SALAD BOWLS, BUTTER DISHES, TANTALUS SPIRIT STANDS, LIQUOR STANDS, SODA WATER STANDS, DESSERT KNIVES and FORKS in CASES, FISH KNIVES and FORKS in CASES, and a VARIETY of FANCY ARTICLES.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.** Hongkong, 23rd April 1896.

## INTIMATIONS.

### COTTAM & CO.

FIRST CLASS OUTFITTERS. JUST TO-HAND. SUMMER UNDERCLOTHING. Hongkong Hotel Building, No. 4, Pedder St.

## CARMICHAEL & CO., LIMITED.

MACLAREN'S IMPERIAL JAR CHERIES, the Best in the Market, \$2.75 per Jar. DAWSON'S PORPOISE BOOTS and SHOES, BOSTOCK'S BROWN BOOTS and SHOES, PATENT LEATHER and COURT SHOES, at Moderate Prices. CARMICHAEL & CO., LIMITED, 18, PRYCE CENTRAL.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.** WE are now offering the balance of our Stock of LADIES' DRAPERY and GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, FURNISHING GOODS, BEDSTEADS, &c. &c. AT HALF PRICE for CASH. For ONE WEEK ONLY. HONGKONG TRADING CO., 1, 3, and 5, D'AGUIAR ST. Hongkong, 18th May, 1896.

**WANTED FOR KOBE.** AN EXPERIENCED MANAGER to take charge of a FIRST CLASS HOTEL. Apply to "SECRETARY," 33, Division Street, Kobe. [1243]

**SERRAVALLO'S FERRUGINOUS QUININE.** The Great Austrian Tonic of PERUVIAN BARK and IRON. Over 300 Medical Certificates testifying its great STRENGTH-GIVING PROPERTIES and at the same time being of an EXQUISITE TASTE. Sole Agents for Hongkong A. S. WATSON & Co. Hongkong, 23rd May, 1896. [1234]

**NOTICE.** THE Undermentioned, begs to give Notice that he has now OPENED a Shop at No. 63, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, for the SALE of GOLD and SILVER WARE, SILK, CURIOS, &c., and he hopes to receive a share of the Public Patronage. All Orders carefully attended to. WAH SHING, 63, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 1st April, 1896. [1861]

## INSURE.

**EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF U.S.A.** gives the BEST SECURITY. Lives there a man without soul to soul. Who never to himself has said, "I must protect my loving wife. And to I must secure my life. Who dies and leaves his family poor. I'll pay a premium every year, And then my loved ones need not fear But what, when I am in my grave, Or if when old I living be, The money will provide for me, And an old age, serene and bright And peaceful as a summer night, Shall lead me to the grave. If you would be another such, Premium cost to you will be, Write, phone, or call on us or me. SHEWAN & CO., General Agents. J. T. HAMILTON, Manager for the East. Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [1830]

**CONSEQUENCE OF THE WINDING-UP OF OUR BUSINESS** and in view of facilitating the Clearance of our Stock— A LIBERAL DISCOUNT will be allowed on all Purchases; and Goods purchased for CASH will be given at COST PRICES. E. RICCO & CO., 24, QUEEN'S ROAD. Dealers in Wines, Liquors, and Preserves. Hongkong, 15th May, 1896. [2973-39]

## AUCTION.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.** THE Undermentioned has received Instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 26th MAY, 1896, at 2.30 P.M., at the Sales Rooms, QUEEN'S ROAD, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c. (for Sundry Accounts). TAPESTRY, COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, ENGLISH MARBLE TOP CENTRE and SIDE TABLES, BEVELLED GLASS, OVERMAN, TILES, PICTURES, and ORNAMENTS, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, DINNER WAGGONS, CHEFONIER, GLASS STANDS, CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE, DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BED-STEADS, WAIRDORES, with Bevelled Glass Doors, CHEST of DRAWERS, DRESSING TABLE, and MARBLED WASH-STANDS. One CAMERA and STAND. One BAGATELLE BOARD and STAND. BALLS, &c. &c. TERMS of SALE—As Auctioneer. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 18th May, 1896. [1219]

**THE BEACH HOUSE HOTEL, TARUMI, NEAR KOBE, JAPAN.** IS now OPEN for the Season, and is one of the finest seaside resorts in JAPAN. Sea-bathing and the EXCELLENCE of the Situation of the Hotel, makes the place a pleasant Summer Vacation. C. S. ARTHUR, Manager. Tarumi, 7th May, 1896. [1187]

## OSAKA HOTEL.

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**TIME TABLE.** WEEK DAY. 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every quarter of an hour. 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Every quarter of an hour. 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Every quarter of an hour. 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Every quarter of an hour. Night car at 8.45 p.m. and 9.45 p.m. Night car at 11.15 p.m. every half hour. SUNDAY. Extra Night car at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m. 8.15 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Every half hour. 10.30 a.m. and 10.40 a.m. From 8 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. Every quarter of an hour. 8.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour. SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office 38 & 40, Queen's Road Central. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 1st April 1896. [1285, 86]

**VESSELS IN DOCK.** ABERDEEN DOCK—Tachow, Mascoite, Kaitang, Ingraham, Albion, Progress, Cosmopolitan Dock—Eas, Wandorrig Jew. TO-DAY. Meeting of Zetland Lodge, at 5.30 p.m. NAPIER JOHNSTONES. SQUARED BOTTLE WHISKY. The sale of this good Scotch Whisky is monthly. It is of Superior Quality and of Purest Malt. Co's Selection. Sole Agents for HONGKONG, CRAWFORD & Co.

## ADVERTS DENTOPHENOLINE.

A FRAGRANT LIQUID DENTIFRICE and MOUTH WASH.

Editor of Health says—"The most effective preparation for ridding the mouth of the aroma of tobacco, and leaving a pleasant taste." Sold in 1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d. bottles, by Chemists, &c. F. C. CALVERT & CO., MANCHESTER. [16-1253]

## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.** May 22, MOUNT TABERNOR, British str., 1.50. May 23, HONGKONG, British str., 1.50. May 23, HONGKONG, British str., 1.50. May 23, HONGKONG, British str., 1.50. May 23, HONGKONG, British str., 1.50.

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**DEATH.**  
At the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, on  
the 18th instant, MARIANNE, the beloved wife  
of GEORGE JAMESON, H.B.M.'s Consul, aged 47 years.

**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, MAY 25th, 1896.

ALL fear of any extensive epidemic of  
plague in the colony this year may now, we  
think, be confidently dismissed, though  
doubtless sporadic cases will continue to  
occur for some time to come. It will be  
remembered that at this time in the year  
1894 the number of deaths from the disease  
was increasing daily, whereas this year the  
rate continues about stationary, and, more-  
over, the disease is reported to be abating  
considerably at Canton, which is the most  
encouraging feature, for in this colony the  
disease seems to ebb and flow in sympathy  
with its prevalence in Canton. In the letter  
which the Sanitary Board at its meeting on  
Thursday decided to address to the Colonial  
Secretary with reference to the manner  
in which the sanitary regulations have been  
enforced, the Board, after remarking that  
the efforts of its officials during the last few  
months, owing to the unfortunate reappearance  
of the bubonic plague, have been mainly  
directed against the state of filth that was  
found to exist in many houses in the city  
and the obstructions of windows and ven-  
tilating openings, says:—"The Board were  
convinced that the prompt adoption and  
"prosecution of measures to remedy this  
"state of affairs were the only practical  
"means of arresting the progress of the  
"disease, and the material reduction in the  
"number of cases recently occurring in the  
"city certainly tends to strengthen such  
"conviction." Now, while so one can call  
in question the desirability of the cleansing  
operations that have been undertaken in this  
colony, the evidence does not seem to warrant  
the conviction that those operations should be  
credited with the abatement of the disease.  
The precautions taken at Canton have been  
confined simply to keeping the streets a  
little more free from garbage than usual,  
yet we find the disease abating there as  
well as in this colony and at a time  
when in 1894 it was rapidly increasing.  
This suggests the inquiry whether climatic  
causes may not have had more to do with  
the abatement of the disease, in this colony  
as well as in Canton, than the cleansing  
operations; or whether the disease itself  
may not have lost its virulence to some  
extent.

We are inclined also to doubt whether  
the disease has been so bad at Canton  
this year as has been represented. It was on  
the 18th May that the Acting Consul

reported that the disease had "abated"  
"very considerably during the past week."  
In his previous letter dated the 12th May  
Mr. Fraser reported that there was no  
abatement, that he had had the coffin  
leaving the North Gate counted, and that  
the average number per diem was 36, which,  
allowing for the other gates, the suburbs,  
and Honam, probably represented a total  
mortality of at least 240 per diem in a  
population of a million and a half. Upon  
this the Health Officer made the following  
minute:—"This represents a death rate of  
"5.57 per 1,000 per annum, and indicates  
"the prevalence of some fatal epidemic,  
"presumably plague, with which deaths at  
"the rate of about 800 per week at least are  
"occurring in addition to the ordinary death  
"rate." The value of Dr. Clark's remarks  
rest upon his knowledge of the ordinary  
death rate of Canton, which we have  
always understood to be an unknown  
quantity; if Dr. Clark is in a position to  
state with any precision what the ordinary  
death rate really is, the information would  
be welcomed by all who take an interest in  
health statistics. Apparently he takes it  
at a fraction over 20 per thousand, which  
appears much below what probability would  
suggest. According to a table given in  
Whitaker's Almanack, compiled from the  
returns issued by the Registrar-General, the  
death rate at Canton for the year ending  
28th September, 1895, was 38.8, at Bombay  
30.8, and at Madras 38.4. In these cities  
sanitation has made considerable progress  
and western medical science is more exten-  
sively availed of than in Canton, from which  
the inference may be drawn that their  
death rates would be considerably below  
that of Canton, where sanitation is prac-  
tically absent, and where the death from  
preventable causes, owing to the absence  
of qualified medical attention, must be  
very large. The death rate in Hong-  
kong is between 22 and 23 per thousand,  
and having regard to the character of the  
population, in which there is such a large  
preponderance of adult males, no would  
expect to find a much larger difference  
between the death rate of Hongkong and  
Canton, where the proportion of women and  
children to the total population is normal,  
than six per thousand. If Dr. Clark's  
estimate be anywhere near the mark, then  
Canton when free of the plague must be  
generally supposed, almost as healthy, in  
fact, as Liverpool or Dublin, in both of  
which towns the death rate is over 28 per  
thousand. If, on the other hand, he has  
under-estimated the normal death rate he  
must have over-estimated the number of  
deaths due to plague.

about 300,000 of the 19th May. It is  
very regrettable that the loss of Mr. George  
Jameson, formerly of the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, should have  
occurred at this time. He was a man of  
great energy and ability, and his death  
will be a great loss to the colony.

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